

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Anthony Pollock and Marcellus Bailey, April 26, 1875, with transcript

292 Essex St., Salem, Mass. April 26th, 1875. To Messrs Pollok & Bailey, Washington, D. C. Gentlemen,

I am anxious to hear from you in relation to my Statement, especially as Mr. Hubbard informs me that you propose to print it.

I do not know how full such a statement should be — nor whether it is necessary or advisable to have as many illustrations as I have given — and I relied on your practical experience for suggestions as to the best way of arranging the matter.

The Statement forwarded to you I considered as merely a rough draught — expecting it to be returned — with hints as to the best form to put it in.

The illustrations sent were merely scribbled off for your guidance — and I am sure that no artist could satisfactorily represent the objects from them.

I hope that you do not intend to print the statement without permitting me to have a final scrutiny, especially as I find that a large number of experiments made with reeds during 1873 — and 1874 — have not even been alluded to.

If however you are satisfied with the Statement as it is — I can send you an account of the experiments with Reeds as an Addendum. My mother writes to me that the date of our arrival in Canada was August 1st, 1870 — not the “Autumn of 1869” as mentioned in the Statement. I shall know in a day or two which date is right. However it cannot make any difference to the Statement which is the correct date.

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I have discovered some diagrams and explanations of my invention written in January 1874 while waiting for an answer from the British Government. If you think they might be important I shall forward them to you.

I am glad to know at last which patent has been secured. I should like to obtain at least a dozen copies of the Specification.

If you can attend to this please forward them to me here.

Please let me hear from you in relation to the Statement.

Yours respectfully, A. Graham Bell.